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Afghanistan's foreign policy shall be based on the principles of non-Alignment, non-participation in any military pacts and on the free and independent judgement of the people of Afghanistan.

Our foreign policy is founded on the national aspirations of the country for the material and spiritual welfare of our people. It is evident that the realization of these aspirations depend upon world peace, for no country can achieve its national aims and objectives without international peace and security. Since Afghanistan, more than any other country, is aware that to attain its national and developmental goals world peace is an essential pre-requisite, we, therefore, more than any other country desire and seek international peace and understanding.

In this context, the corner-stone of Afghanistan's foreign policy shall be our sincere desire for peace and friendship among all nations and peoples of the world. In pursuit of this objective no discrimination shall be directed against any people or country, big or small, near or far. This policy emanates from the independent and free will of the people of Afghanistan. What distinguishes Afghanistan's traditional foreign policy is its frank and sincere approach, which stems from the national independent will of Afghanistan. It is on this firm and unshakable basis that Afghanistan has maintained friendly relations with all countries, and in further pursuit and consolidation of this policy effort shall be made, through personal and diplomatic contacts, to bring about and seek international cooperation and understanding.

With regard to our relations with Pakistan, it is the only country with which we have a political disagreement... a disagreement over the question of Pakhtunistan which yet remains unresolved and for the solution of which we shall spare no effort.

Statement to Diplomatic Corps of Kabul from Dr. Karim

on July 17, 1973